**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL HERMAN STACY CLARDY III, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NEARLY FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE RETURNS TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express gratitude to Lieutenant General Herman Stacy Clardy III for his significant contributions to the defense of our nation and to welcome him as he returns to South Carolina; and

Whereas, born in Georgetown County in 1960, Stacy Clardy earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina in business administration, and after graduation, he was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in May of 1983; and

Whereas, he earned a master’s degree in management from Troy University and another master’s degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College; and

Whereas, during his military career, Lieutenant General Clardy served as a company commander in the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and commanded the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the 2nd Marine Regiment and Regimental Combat Team 2 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms; and

Whereas, in addition, Lieutenant General Clardy served as the Commanding General of Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, the 3rd Marine Division, and the III Marine Expeditionary Force; and

Whereas, prior to assuming command of the III Marine Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant General Clardy served as the Military Deputy for the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and before that as the J8 Deputy Director for Force Management, Application and Support on the Joint Staff; and

Whereas, General Clardy served in the Iraq War and the War in Afghanistan and was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit three times, and the Bronze Star Medal for valor; and

Whereas, his various leadership and staff positions throughout his career included a tactics instructor at The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course, the Marine Officer Instructor at Tulane University, and the Community Relations Branch Head for the Division of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps; and

Whereas, General Clardy served as the Operations Officer of 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable, participating in Operation Joint Guardian, and as the Community Policy, Planning and Liaison Officer for Marine Corps Bases, Japan. He was the director for the Expeditionary Warfare School and the director of operations for the Plans, Policies, and Operations Department of Headquarters, United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas, General Clardy and his beloved wife, Alison, herself a retired Marine, have three daughters and look forward to spending many happy hours of retirement in the Palmetto State, the home of his youth; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished service in the United States Marine Corps, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Stacy Clardy as he transitions to the leisurely pace of the days ahead in his richly deserved retirement, and the members welcome him home for his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Lieutenant General Herman Stacy Clardy III, United States Marine Corps, upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly four decades of outstanding service to his country, and wish him continued success and happiness as he returns to South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant General Herman Stacy Clardy III.

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